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In re. Application of: **GIROUX, Nathalie, et al.**  
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Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVISIONING  
TRAFFIC DEDICATED CORES IN A CONNECTION-  
ORIENTED NETWORK**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2002. Kindly amend the subject application as follows, in view of the comments set out below.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

*Please replace the three paragraphs beginning on page 4 line 14, page 5 line 1 and page 5 line 21 respectively with the following paragraphs:*

In a first aspect, a method for transmitting non-real time traffic in a connection oriented communications network is provided. The network includes a network core which includes a core source and a core destination, the core source and the core destination having a path